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JUNE 23, 2019
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Summer Office hours:

Monday • Wednesday • Friday 9:00-3:00

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY 6:00PM

SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM & 10:00AM

June Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Priests

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are the most poor.

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. June 29 - 4:00 PM - Keaton Swope, NOT FILLED

Sun. June 30 - 8:00 AM - Ethan & Emily Miller

Sun. June 30 - 10:00 AM - Camille Krug, NOT FILLED

LECTORS

Sat. June 29 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Mark Sloan

Sun. June 30 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, James Krug

Sun. June 30 - 10:00 AM - Bob Olson, Patrick Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. June 29 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling, NOT FILLED

Sun. June 30 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger

Sun. June 30 - 10:00 AM - Barb Aubrey, Lou Ann Clark,
Norma Foose, Bill Foose

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. June 29 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet, Larry VanSickel,
Paula VanSickel, NOT FILLED

Sun. June 30 - 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Ginny Reeder,
Jane Strasser, Mary Truesdale

Sun. June 30 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti

SACRISTAN

Sat. June 29 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham

Sun. June 30 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci

Sun. June 30 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. June 29 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merrill, Anna Rasmussen

Sun. June 30 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, Marge Rudolph

Sun. June 30 - 10:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

June 30 - Faith Night with the Curve - 6:00 PM

July 14 - Second Sunday Food Collection

July 21 - Parish Picnic at Legion Park - 11:00 Mass at the
park. **No 10:00 Mass in the church**



**Colton Hammel, shown here with parents
Bridget and Chris, was baptized by
Monsignor Becker on Saturday, June 8.**

A Few Words from the Pastor:

"RELIGIOUS EDUCATION" AND "FAITH FORMATION" – WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

For some time now I have been reflecting on how we might renew and strengthen our God-given mission to form true disciples of the Lord Jesus. This is the role of every parish: to make faith come alive in the hearts of parishioners! When we speak of "religious education," whether for children or for our adults, we seem to reduce faith to a subject to be learned, as in the classroom at school. Actually, it is much more appropriate to speak of "faith formation" rather than religious education. Why? Because Catholicism is not a subject; it is a way of life. Our goal as a parish is to bring the living spirit of faith into the lives of our parishioners. Our faith is not so much an idea about truth, God, heaven, etc. It is an encounter with a person, the living and glorified, Resurrected Christ. In order to stress this living encounter, we are intentionally steering our language away from "religious or adult education," and especially "CCD."

The changing of the name from religious education to "Faith Formation" will challenge us to look at how we approach this essential mission of the church – to "form" missionary disciples in the spirit of Christ Jesus. Over the next few weeks I will be reflecting with you upon a renewed and expanded approach that we wish to take in the formation of our children and adults as true disciples of Jesus.

NOTRE DAME CONFERENCE - I will be attending a three-day conference on preaching at Notre Dame this week. The focus will be on the manner in which preachers make the connection between the homily and the sacramental life of the church. Thank you for your prayers. I hope you will be able to see the results!!

A NEW OFFICE! We have been able to create a new space in which to store all of our catechetical materials, which have been somewhat scattered in the parish. We are converting the room in the back of the gym which has served as a rather large closet for sports equipment into an office which will be shared by both Deacon Gene and our director of faith formation.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK - Religious freedom gives us the space to carry out the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Church. Religious freedom means that Catholics, and all people of goodwill, are free to seek the truth and to live in accordance with that truth, and so to strengthen our common life as a nation. Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. In the midst of our current challenges, join us as we seek the kingdom and find Strength in Hope. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT THE DEVIL? - In his new book *Rebuking the Devil*, Pope Francis lays bare the devil's ploys and tactics, to help you avoid getting ensnared. Listen with care, as the pope tells the story of the devil's history, character, and works, and consider the pope's suggestions about what you can do to see victory over the devil. *Rebuking the Devil* will be an important and sobering awakening to those who have forgotten the reality of the spiritual battle that humanity is undergoing. And to those already fighting hard in spiritual battle, they will find great reassurance in the pope's certainty that we can overcome through Spirit-filled discernment and the power of God in Christ Jesus. Through the course of this book, you'll learn from Pope Francis about the practical tools of spiritual battle. The price on Amazon is only \$9.00.

TWO GREAT FEASTS – The Church celebrates the Birth of St. John the Baptist on Monday, June 24th, and the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 28th. Perhaps you will consider joining us in the Day Chapel at 8:30 AM for one or both of these important celebrations in our liturgical calendar!

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ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: Have you signed up yet to join your parish family on July 21st at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg for our Parish Picnic? Sunday Mass begins at 11:00AM. (Please note that the 10:00 Mass will not be held in the church on this date.) Following Mass, lunch will be served at 12:30PM. The parish will provide chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share. We ask that you use a disposable tray or bowl, if possible. Two separate sheets are posted on the kiosk - one to sign up to attend the picnic and the other to volunteer to help. Many volunteers are needed for a successful gathering!



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HOME CARE WORKER FOR FEMALE PARISHIONER

NEEDED: General light household chores along with food shopping and errands. Must be 18 years or older and have own car. Hours are flexible - \$11.20 per hour. Call after 11:00 AM – 941-8279.

CHICKEN BBQ: We sold 402 dinners, received \$180 in donations, donated 10 dinners to St. Leonard's Home, donated cupcakes to American Rescue & SVDP thanks to all our parishioners. Our profit is \$2964. If you sold, bought or donated tickets, helped in the cafeteria or at Knights of Columbus, arranged tables and/or cleaned up - your work is greatly appreciated. Thank you for a very successful BBQ.

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ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at gabby.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered.

Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:

- Baby Adam • Baby Aiden • Cari Ann • James Aubrey
- Judy Baird • Robert Cole • Millie Grace Capon
- Betty Dennis • Michael DeStefano • Jim Duffy
- Charlie Elder • Helen Fornwalt • Leann Frazier
- Dianna Green • Ken Hartman • Karen Horton
- Boni Javier • Brian Kopp • Lisa • Sherri Maffettone
- Ron Merilli • Bryson Miller • June Miller • Susie Miller
- Barbara Moore • Ailani Myers • Nancy • Patricia Olson
- Mary Oricko • Jeff Price • Karen Price • Ron Peschock
- Dave Petrak • Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker
- Vicki Riley • Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph
- Peggy Seiler • Anne Showalter • Dianne Stultz
- Patti Sweet • Tim & Dina Temofonte • Patty Teufel
- Lois Werfel • William Wieland • Noah Wills
- Amber Yasolsky • Milan & Family

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Francis "Joe" Shura, brother of Bill Wieland
May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: The faith community in today's Gospel ended up with a surplus after everyone shared their gifts in Jesus' name. Let us share our surplus with those in need but also give to others from that which we ourselves need. May we trust that we will always have enough because we have decided to be good stewards expecting nothing in return.

Stewardship at St. John's

Offertory for June 16

Envelopes	\$ 5,892.00
Loose	\$ 282.00
Children's	\$ 1.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 25.00
SubTotal	\$ 6,200.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,518.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,718.00

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Payments/Donations	\$89,270
Pledge Payment Committed	\$52,742
Total Pledges/Donations	\$142,012

2019 Catholic Ministries Drive

Goal - \$43,116

Payments/Donations	\$18,050
Pledge Payment Committed	\$3,425
Total Pledges/Donations	\$21,475

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE: Information to be included in the July 7 bulletin should be submitted by Thursday, June 27, to Debbie Johnson - dj219@msn.com.

BABY DRIVE EXTENDED: Next weekend, June 30, is the last weekend of the Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 Baby Drive. Please place your donations in the box provided in the Gathering Space of the church.

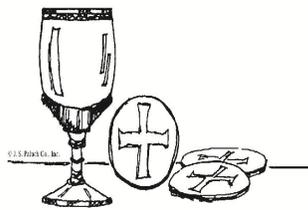
BLUEBERRY SALE: St. George Orthodox Church is selling jumbo blueberries direct from New Jersey. The cost is \$30 per 10 pound case. Order deadline is Tuesday, June 25. Call 317-7059 to order or for more information.

TAG SALE: The Dorothy Day Outreach Center will hold its bi-annual TAG Sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at the DDOC parking lot @ our new address of 115 St. Mary's Street, Loretto (former Franciscan Mission Store).

HOME NURSING AGENCY HEALING PATCH SEEKS NEW VOLUNTEERS: 1 in 7 children in America will lose a parent or sibling by the age of 20. Behind this statistic are real children – who are struggling with difficult emotions like loneliness, fear, and anger. At the Home Nursing Agency Healing Patch, these children find hope and healing are possible through connecting with others. New volunteers are needed to meet the growing number of families finding support at the Healing Patch. While volunteers must understand they are unable to “fix” what has happened, they are able to facilitate activities to help children and adults connect and share their feelings in a safe and welcoming environment. Volunteers are essential for group nights, which occur two evenings a month from September through May. New volunteers receive comprehensive training and have assistance in obtaining necessary clearances. For more information, contact Melody Ray, Volunteer Coordinator/Grief Specialist, at 814-947-7200 or raym@upmc.edu.

ST. ANN NOVENA: The Sisters of Saint Ann announce the annual Novena in honor of their Patroness, St. Ann, starting on Thursday, July 18. The Eucharist Celebration and Devotion will be held every evening at 7:00 PM at the outside shrine at Mt. St. Ann, 1120 North Center Street, Ebensburg, PA. The Most Rev. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the main celebrant for the closing of the Novena on Friday, July 26.

LADIES RETREAT: Mt. St. Ann Retreat Center, 1120 N. Center St., Ebensburg, with Spiritual Director Rev. Andrew Mazich, O.S.B. from the St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe. The retreat is open to commuters. To reserve a place, please call the Sisters of St. Ann at 814-472-9354 or email: sistersann35@gmail.com.



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 23, 2019

[A]s often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

— 1 Corinthians 11:26

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday June 23 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00AM- Mass for *Bill & Josephine Seiler* requested by
Ron & Joyce Cunningham
10:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday June 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Tuesday June 25 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Wednesday June 26 – Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration
6:00PM- Evening Prayer & Communion Service
6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday June 27 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Friday June 28 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by
John Prosperi

Saturday June 29 – Vigil of 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00 PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Sam Neal* requested by
Bernie & Julie Beiswenger

Sunday June 30 - 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
10:00AM- Mass for *Elsie McKnight* requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Pellegrine

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday Gn 16:1-12, 15-16, Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7





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